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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for providing print-by-reference functionality to a web browser, the method comprising:

5   providing a web page from a printer's embedded web server to the web browser;

receiving a URL entered into the provided web page by the web browser;

retrieving a printable document

10   corresponding to the URL; and

printing the retrieved document.

2.   A method according to Claim 1, wherein the web page is in HTML format.   .

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3.   A method according to Claim 1, wherein the web page is in XML format.

4.   A method according to Claim 1, wherein

20   the document is in a print-ready format.

5.   A method according to Claim 1, further comprising converting the document to a print-ready format.

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6.   A method for browsing the contents of a remote website, the method comprising:

providing a web page from a printer's embedded web server to a web browser;

30   receiving a URL entered into the provided web page, the URL corresponding to a website having a transfer protocol not supported by the web browser; and

creating a web page based on contents of

35   the website, the web page including a link to a directory, a link to a document, or links to a directory and a document,

wherein, if a link to a directory is selected, a new web page is created including a link to a subdirectory, a link to a document, or links to a subdirectory and to a document.

7. A method according to Claim 6, wherein the web page is accessed using HTTP, and the entered URL corresponds to a FTP using website.

8. A method for providing browsing of a remote website, the method comprising:

providing a web page to a browser;

receiving a URL entered into the web page from a web browser, the URL corresponding to a remote website;

creating a web page based on contents of the website, the web page including hypertext links, selecting a link; and

issuing a directory access command corresponding to the link,

wherein, if the command fails, a document is retrieved corresponding to the link, and

wherein, if the command is successful, a new web page is created having hypertext links.

9. A method according to Claim 8, further comprising printing the document.

10. Computer-executable process steps stored on a computer-readable medium, the steps to provide print-by-reference functionality to a web browser, the steps comprising:

a providing step to provide a web page from a printer's embedded web server to the web browser;

a receiving step to receive a URL entered into the provided web page by the web browser;

a retrieving step to retrieve a printable document corresponding to the URL; and

a printing step to print the retrieved document.

11. Process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the web page is in HTML format.

12. Process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the web page is in XML format.

13. Process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the document is in a print-ready format.

14. Process steps according to Claim 10, further comprising a converting step to convert the document to a print-ready format.

15. Computer-executable process steps stored on a computer-readable medium, the process steps to browse the contents of a remote website, the process steps comprising:

a providing step to provide a web page from a printer's embedded web server to a web browser;

a receiving step to receive a URL entered into the provided web page, the URL corresponding to a website having a transfer protocol not supported by the web browser; and

a creating step to create a web page based on contents of the website, the web page including a link to a directory, a link to a document, or links to a directory and a document,

wherein, if a link to a directory is selected, a new web page is created including a link to a subdirectory, a link to a document, or links to a subdirectory and to a document.

16. Process steps according to Claim 15, wherein the web page is accessed using HTTP, and the entered URL corresponds to a FTP using website.

5   17. Computer-executable process steps stored on a computer-readable medium, the process steps to provide browsing of a remote website, the process steps comprising:
         a providing step to provide a web page to a
10   browser;
         a receiving step to receive a URL entered into the web page from a web browser, the URL corresponding to a remote website;
         a creating step to create a web page based
15   on contents of the website, the web page including hypertext links, selecting a link; and
         an issuing step to issue a directory access command corresponding to the link,
         wherein, if the command fails, a document
20   is retrieved corresponding to the link, and
         wherein, if the command is successful, a new web page is created having hypertext links.

         18. Process steps according to Claim 17,
25   further comprising a printing step to print the document.

         19. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the URL contains e-mail account identification
30   information.

         20. A method according to Claim 19, wherein the web page allows entry of the e-mail account identification information.

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21. A method according to Claim 6, wherein the URL contains e-mail account identification information.

22. A method according to Claim 21, wherein the created web page contains information retrieved from the e-mail account re-formatted into web format.

23. A method according to Claim 8, wherein the URL contains e-mail account identification information.

24. A method according to Claim 23, wherein the created web page contains information retrieved from the e-mail account re-formatted into web format.

25. Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 10, wherein the URL contains e-mail account identification information.

26. Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 25, wherein the web page allows entry of the e-mail account identification information.

27. Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 15, wherein the URL contains e-mail account identification information.

28. Computer-executable process steps according to Claim 27, wherein the created web page contains information retrieved from the e-mail account re-formatted into web format.

29.   Computer-executable process steps
according to Claim 17, wherein the URL contains
e-mail account identification information.

5   30.   Computer-executable process steps
according to Claim 29, wherein the created web page
contains information retrieved from the e-mail
account re-formatted into web format.

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